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an o/s is to applications as the legal system is to individuals & businesses: both provide the rules and infrastructure that we live under.

for 1 company to own both the o/s & apps, where the api is analogous to the rules of evidence, is equivalent to enron owning the court system, with the laws & procedures secret...this is totally unsatisfactory, both as a legal system and as a computing platform.

the only meaningful solution is splitting microsoft into an o/s company & an applications company, and requiring the o/s api to be made public.

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